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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO9744123A1] A fuel cell power plant, generally, has a fuel cell stack for electrochemically converting a hydrocarbon fuel into electricity. In order for the hydrocarbon fuel to be used by the fuel cell stack, it must be steam reformed into a hydrogen-rich process gas. This process gas has a carbon monoxide level that would be detrimental to the fuel cell stack, so the process gas is passed through a shift converter to decrease the carbon monoxide level therein prior to feeding the process gas to the fuel cell stack. In order to decrease the level of carbon monoxide without the need to increase the size of the shift converter catalyst bed, or lower the temperature of the process gas as it enters the shift converter to an undesirably low temperature, the shift converter design utilizes an upstream adiabatic zone and a downstream actively cooled zone. The actively cooled zone is cooled by a pressurized water coolant which boils as it cools the process gas stream. The coolant entering the shift converter is essentially a single phase water-stream, and the coolant exiting the shift converter is a two phase water-stream mixture.

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